this, the Government of India announced a financial relief package for poultry farmers in March 2006, which provides for the following measures:

(i) A moratorium of one year on repayment of existing principal and interest on loans and working capital due to scheduled banks, cooperative banks and Regional Rural Banks.

(ii) Conversion of working capital into term loan. The first year of repayment would be after the expiry of moratorium period.

(iii) Re-scheduling of term loans availed by units over an additional period of two years from the agreed tenor of the term loan.

(iv) After conversion of working capital into term loan, poultry units may be permitted to draw additional working capital depending on the commercial viability of each unit.

(v) barring willfull defaulters, defaulted accounts not be treated as NPAs.

(vi) Grant of one time interest subvention of 4% for a period of one year on the outstanding principal amount as on 31.03.2006 (not including any part of the principal amount that has become overdue).

Time limit for payment under Crop Insurance Scheme

†1199. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: *Will the Minister of* AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to fix a time limit for the payment under crop insurance scheme by modifying the rules thereof;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if no, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Admissible claims under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (HAIS) are worked out and settled by the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AIC) on the basis of yield data made available by the State Government concerned. Normally,

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AIC settles the admissible claims within two months after the receipt of yield data from the concerned State Government provided the share of funds of the central and State Government have been received by AIC.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India constituted a Joint Group to study the improvements required in the existing crop insurance scheme. The joint Group has made a number of recommendations which, *interalia*, include on account payment of claims on the basis of weather data/satellite imagery or other proxy indicators for timely settlement of claims.

Development of Jakhau Fishery Harbour Project

1200. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3364 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 23th December, 2005 and state:

(a) whether a comprehensive report on the escalation of cost of the project on development of Jakhau Fishery Harbour Phase II and a revised estimate were received in 2005; and

(b) if so, the final outcome of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government of Gujarat had forwarded a cost estimate for escalated project cost of Rs. 5291 lakhs in May 2005, which was not the comprehensive proposal as equested by the Government of India (GOI). The Government of Gujarat in May 2006 has reported that preparation of revised project proposal as requested by GOI is progressing in the State Government.

Production of Mangoes

†1201. SHRI MANGANILAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of mangoes in the country is declining day-by-day;

(b) whether there is a huge potentiality of expot of mangoes;

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the case of production of mangoes, the scientific approach of Government has not yet been widely implemented; and

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